



Advisory Announcement
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2021/22 CRAIG/KLAWOCK WINTER FOOD AND BAIT HERRING GHL

The 2021/22 Craig/Klawock area herring guideline harvest level (GHL) is 12,650 tons. This is based on a forecasted mature spawning biomass of 63,250 tons of herring and a 20% harvest rate. Regulations state that 60% of the GHL is allocated to the winter food and bait fishery and 40% to the Section 3-B spawn-on-kelp pound fishery (5 AAC 27.185 (h)). This sets the GHL in the winter food and bait fishery at 7,590 tons. Any GHL amount not taken by the winter bait fishery will be allocated to the spawn-on-kelp fishery and announced by March 4, 2022. Based on market conditions for the winter food and bait fishery, the maximum kelp allocation for the spawn-on-kelp fishery, and historical effort levels, the department expects the total herring catch-related mortality will be less than 3,000 tons. The forecasted mature biomass at age for 2022 is 26% age-4, 4% age-5, 67% age-6, 2% age-7 and 1% age-8+ herring.

Section 3-B and District 4 (Craig/Klawock): opened at 12:01 a.m., Friday, October 1, 2021, in those waters of Section 3-B west of a line from Blanquial Point at 55°37.36' N lat, 133°23.86' W long to Point Santa Rosalia at 55°34.25' N lat, 133°24.84' W long to Point Cuerbo at 55°28.51' N lat, 133°19.00' W long to Point Miraballes at 55°25.87' N lat, 133°05.22' W long and in those waters of District 4 north and east of a line from Lontana Point at 55°12.25' N lat, 133°20.12' W long to Diver Point at 55°11.02' N lat, 133°14.36' W long with the following restriction:

Trocadero Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of the westernmost tip of Canoe Point at 133°01.48' W long.

Fishermen and operators of tendering vessels must obtain an ADF&G permit to participate in the Southeast Alaska Winter Food and Bait Herring Fishery (5 AAC 27.179). Permit applications are available at ADF&G area offices in Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg, and Douglas.

For the 2021/22 season, the department is requiring that permits be issued by ADF&G prior to fishing. Terms of the permit stipulate: 1) the amount of herring harvested and delivery location be reported to the Ketchikan office for Section 3-B and District 4 by 12:00 noon on the day after fish were harvested; 2) logbook forms must be completed and submitted with fish tickets; and 3) one 5-gallon bucket of herring is to be provided to the department from each delivery for catch sampling purposes.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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